

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2015**

PRESENT: Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo, Vickie Dirienzo, Lana Torres, Eric Myers, Bill Sleavin, and Steven Muller

ABSENT: Susan Dwyer, Cole Goodrow, Student Liaison

GUESTS: Kathryn Miller & Peggy Lareau from the Town-Owned Land Study Committee

Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo confirmed a quorum and called the meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

ON A MOTION by V. Dirienzo, seconded by B. Sleavin, the minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting were approved (5-0-1). S. Muller abstained.

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER

Commissioners welcomed new member of the Conservation Commission, Steven Muller.

TOWN-OWNED LAND DISCUSSION

Kathryn Miller and Peggy Lareau were interested in hearing suggestions from Conservation Commission members about uses for town-owned property, specifically the 107 East Street property which is currently being leased to two farmers for a nominal fee. They confirmed that the property is prime farm land, the only access is from East Street and traffic is a major concern. The commissioners requested copies of the soil test results. B Sleavin will use his GIS software to further investigate the characteristics of the property. The following ideas were suggested:

- Could the property be sold
- Could there be a land swap with another piece of land that is not prime farm land
- Divide property and sell smaller parcels to farmers
- Could something non-destructive to the land be done to benefit the residents
- A BMX bike park
- Would state funding be available to help with the cost of providing power and water to the property
- A sport dome (bubble)

The next public meeting of the Town-Owned Land Study Committee will be June 11, 2015 at the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT ON CLEAN ENERGY INFORMATION EVENING – V. Dirienzo

V. Dirienzo reported that approximately 20 people attended. Companies represented were: Eversource; Solar City; Ambit Energy and CT Geothermal Association.

It was again stressed that this was an informational meeting only and that the Conservation Commission does not endorse any one company or energy source. Residents are reminded to do their own thorough research.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair A. Sogliuzzo reports that there will be a delay in receiving the reusable bag order due to the fact that the information printed on them needs to be set up in a vector file. The manufacturer will do this and ship them within the month.

NEW BUSINESS

No business at this time.

ADJOURN

ON A MOTION by E. Myers, seconded by V. Dirienzo, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0-0) to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jini Ruscitti
Recording Secretary